





Tuesday, July 15, 2008 7:00 AM

MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

Media Only Fire Information Number: 707-467-2520

Public Fire Information Number: 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has consumed 53,300 acres and is 90% contained. There are 6 active fires and 123 contained fires. Significant mop-up and patrol operations continue on all fires throughout the incident. Favorable weather conditions are expected over the next several days. Firefighters are taking advantage of the favorable weather conditions and are making substantial progress on containment. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

California Office of Emergency Services (OES) mutual aid engines are covering some Mendocino Unit fire stations. The MEU Lightning Complex is providing assistance to the Mill Fire/ Soda Complex in the Mendocino National Forest.

Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations continue to be conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Numerous fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

Evacuations

None

Resources

• Engines: 183 Crews: 58 Helicopters: 15 Water Tenders: 71 Dozers: 25

Overhead: 342 Total Personnel: 2,173 Fixed Wing Aircraft:3

Incident Facts

Incident Size: 53,300 Acres

Contained: 90%

Injuries to date: 43

Fatalities to date: 1

Residences Threatened: 0

Residences Destroyed: 2

Number of Active Fires: 6

Total Number of Fires: 127

Estimated Costs to Date: \$39,062,000